



**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

**Description of Amendments in This Packet**

**J.001** Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating a total of \$52,849,599 cash funds from the Behavioral and Mental Health Cash Fund (which originated as federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act) to the Department of Human Services for FY 2022-23. This provision makes the funds available to the Department through December 30, 2024, and also indicates that the appropriation is based on assumption that the Department will require 4.0 FTE in FY 2022-23 and 4.0 FTE in FY 2023-24 to implement the bill.

**Points to Consider**

*Future General Fund Impact*

While the bill does not require a General Fund appropriation in FY 2022-23 or FY 2023-24, it is expected to require appropriations of at least \$12,574,276 General Fund in FY 2024-25 and \$18,987,808 in FY 2025-26. With respect to the FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 impacts:

- The revised fiscal note assumes that an FY 2022-23 appropriation from the Behavioral and Mental Health Cash Fund could provide \$1.25 million for Crisis Response System Services in FY 2025-26. This (JBC Staff) analysis assumes that the FY 2025-26 appropriation would require General Fund because the federal American Rescue Plan Act funds must be obligated by December 30, 2024. Current statute will transfer any amount unobligated as of that date to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.
- The revised fiscal note also assumes that the Child Welfare respite contract beds and operational support funding would terminate in December 2024. However, the provisions related to those programs do not repeal at that time, and continuing to provide those services for the remainder of FY 2024-25 or in subsequent years would require General Fund appropriations in addition to the amounts anticipated in the revised fiscal note.

*Legislative Appropriation Authority*

Roll-forward spending authority allows departments to spend money for multiple years based on a single appropriation in a previous fiscal year, without further review and appropriation by the General Assembly. An annual appropriation provides a limit on spending authority for each year, while roll-forward authority does not require further review.